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THE DIABOLICAL MASTER OF MOODS....
DR. SPECTRO!
DON'T DARE MISS THIS INCREDIBLE BATTLE BETWEEN CAPT. ATOM, THE GREATEST ACTION HERO IN COMICS, AND...
"THE FIVE FACES OF DR. SPECTRO!"
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THE FIVE FACES OF DOCTOR SPECTRO

HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH, A BATTLE RAGES! CAPTAIN ATOM FINDS HIMSELF TRAPPED BY FIVE MINIATURE MENACES... AND ALL OF THEM ARE DR. SPECTRO! ONE MASTER OF MOODS IS A DANGER TO ANY WORLD, BUT FIVE OF THEM ARE A THREAT THAT THE WORLD HAD NEVER BEFORE KNOWN! NOW DR. SPECTRO IS A MAN OF FIVE FACES AND EACH ONE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE OTHER!

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SOMEWHERE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A LARGE CITY, TWO MEN TALK ABOUT THE WRECKAGE STREWN AROUND THEM! FOR AMONGST THIS PILE OF SMASHED COILS AND LIGHTS A MENACE HAD BEEN BORN ... DR. SPECTRO!
IT SURE IS A MESS, CAPTAIN ADAM! YOU THINK THAT THE BOYS BACK AT HQ CAN EVER FIND OUT WHAT MADE IT TICK?
I HOPE SO, GUNNER! FROM WHAT I FELT OF SPECTRO'S POWERS, THE LAUGHTER OF THE MEDICAL WORLD HELPED TO CREATE A MONSTER OUT OF A MAN WHO COULD HAVE BENEFITED ALL MANKIND!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CAP?
FROM THE REPORTS THAT I'VE READ, DR. SPECTRO WAS ON THE VERGE OF DISCOVERING A NEW WAY TO FIGHT DISEASES!
BECAUSE HIS FELLOW DOCTORS SCORNED HIM, DOCTOR SPECTRO WAS USING THIS JOB TO SECURE MONEY AND WORK IN SECRET ON HIS THEORY OF HEALING BY LIGHT! I'M CONVINCED THAT HE WAS RIGHT!
PRESENTING DR. SPECTRO
MASTER of
YOU MEAN THAT YOU THINK THAT GUY COULD HAVE CURED SICKNESS WITH THAT PILE OF COILS AND LIGHTS?
PRESENTING DR. SPECTRO
THAT'S RIGHT, GUNNER! ALL THAT POWER DR. SPECTRO THREW AT ME COULD ALSO MAKE MEN WELL AND HAPPY! YOU GO AND CHECK WITH HQ ABOUT OUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT! I'LL WAIT HERE UNTIL THE BOYS PICK UP THAT MESS BACK THERE!
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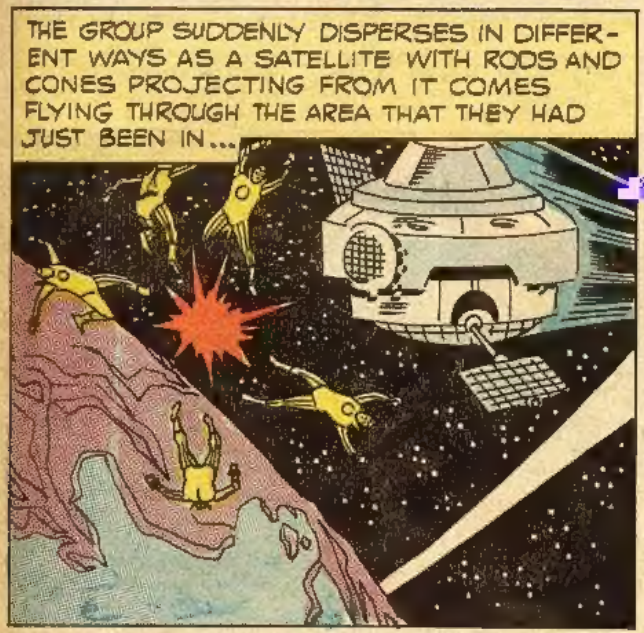
AND WHAT ABOUT DR. SPECTRO? AFTER ABSORBING ALL THAT POWER, AND BATTLING CAPTAIN ATOM, HE BURNED HIMSELF INTO NOTHING IN A FURY OF HATRED! NOW HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH, THOUGHTS OF THE EVIL GENIUS ARE GATHERING IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE HUMAN FORM AGAIN...
FOOLS! IF I'M RIGHT ABOUT THIS AREA, I'LL BE MYSELF AGAIN!
IN THE CENTER OF THIS STORM AREA, I'LL BE ABLE TO ABSORB ENOUGH ENERGY TO REGAIN MY PHYSICAL FORM!
IN A FEW SECONDS, THE STORM WILL BE AT ITS HEIGHT! WITH MY BODY BACK, I'LL BE ABLE TO SHOW THE WORLD BELOW WHAT A MENACE IS REALLY LIKE!
SUDDENLY THE STORM STRIKES FULL FORCE AND...
KRAK!
BAM!
WHEN THE STORM DIES, A SURPRISING SIGHT IS SEEN! WHERE THE MISTY LIGHTS OF DR. SPECTRO HAD BEEN ARE FIVE MINIATURE DR. SPECTROS! AND ALL OF THEM ARE SHOCKED BY WHAT HAS OCCURRED...
WHAT HAPPENED? I'M PHYSICALLY WHOLE... BUT SMALLER!
RIGHT, YOU FOOL! THOSE FIVE LIGHTNING BOLTS STRIKING AT ONCE CREATED FIVE OF US!
FIVE DR. SPECTROS! WHAT HAVOC WE CAN CAUSE!
IDIOT! WE PROBABLY EACH HAVE CONTROL OVER ONLY A PART OF OUR POWERS! WE WON'T BE FULLY POWERFUL UNTIL WE ARE ONE AGAIN!
HE'S RIGHT! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY TO GET BACK TOGETHER!

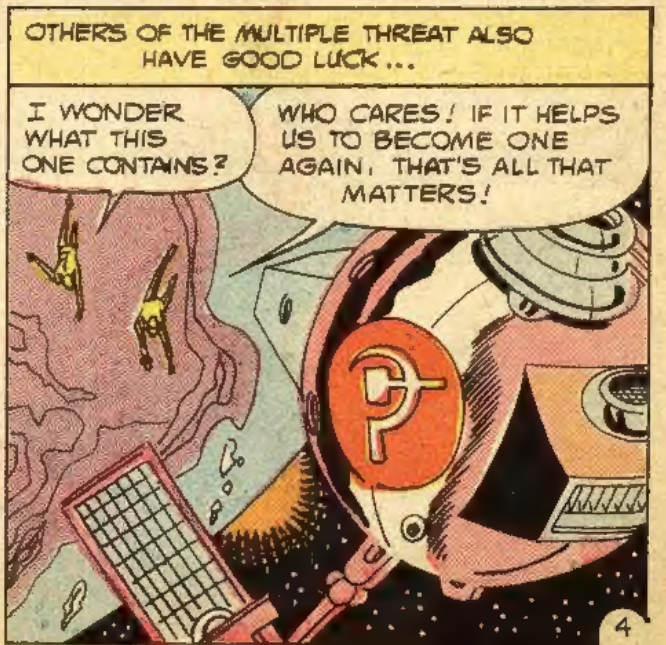
AWWK! THE YELLOW LIGHT...THAT HEAT IS UNBEARABLE!
PAIN! YOUR RED BEAM IS KILLING ME WITH PAIN!

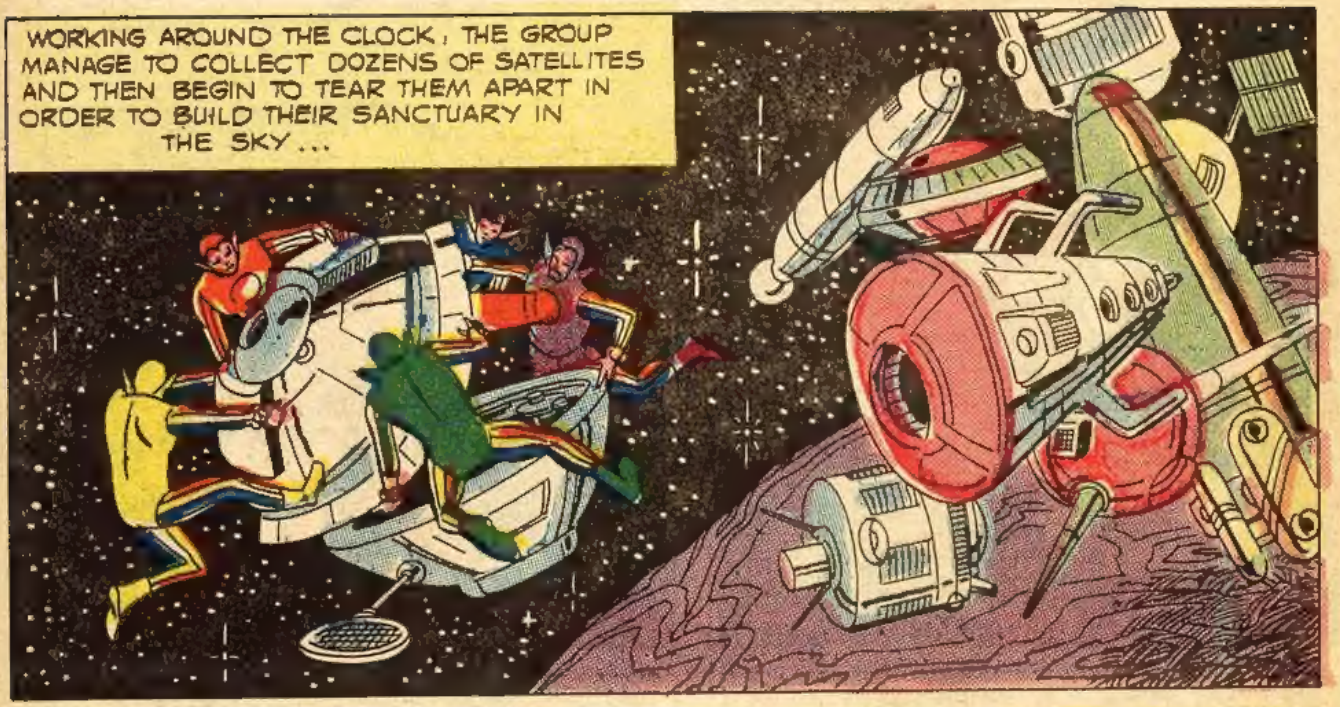
BUT BEFORE THE OTHERS GET A CHANCE TO TO TEST THEIR POWERS, ONE FORM OF DR. SPECTRO TAKES COMMAND...
STOP, FOOLS! WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO TEST OUR POWERS LATER! WHAT WE NEED RIGHT NOW IS A SECRET BASE IN WHICH TO SET UP A MACHINE TO MAKE US ONE AGAIN!

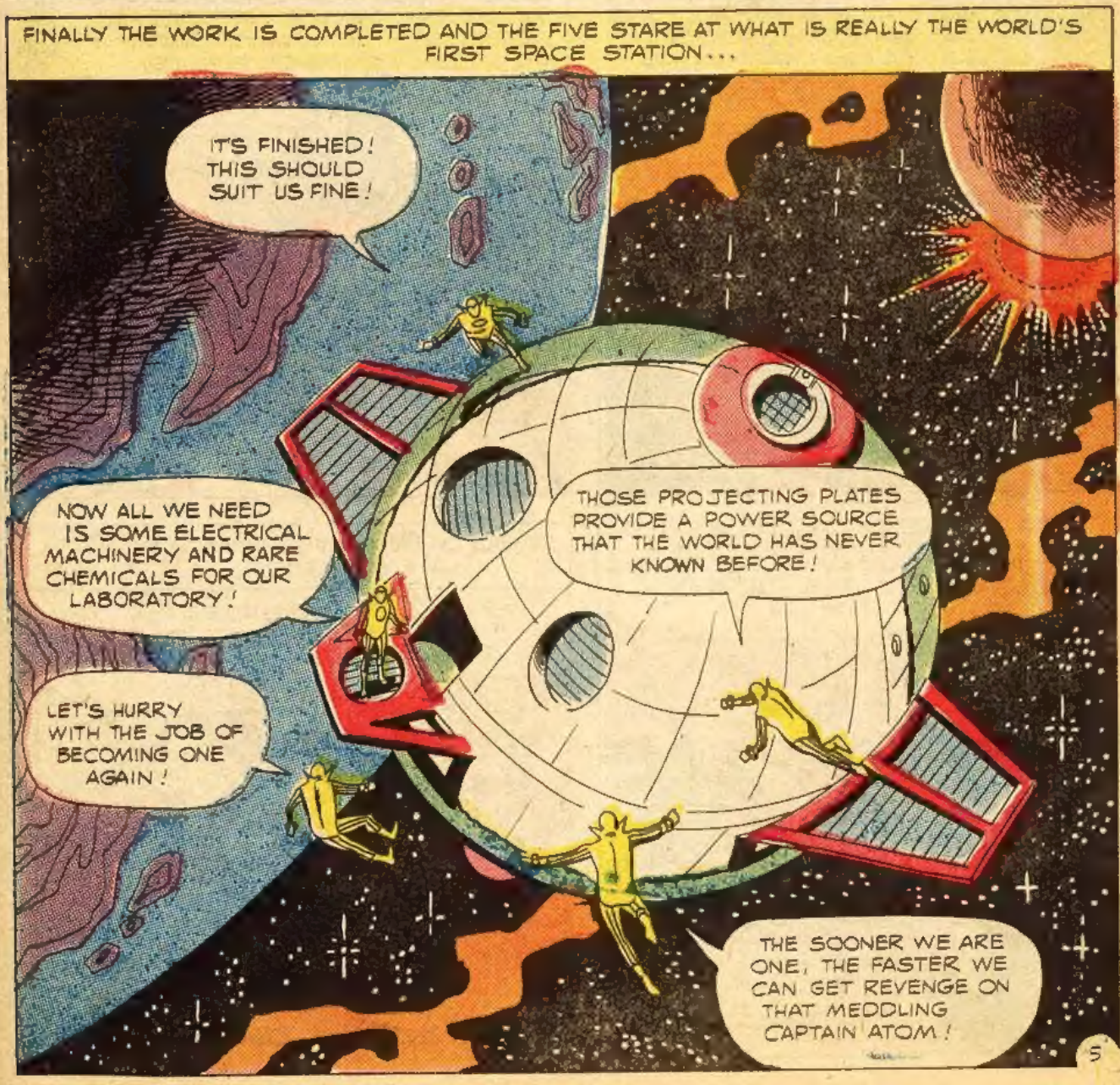

THE GROUP SUDDENLY DISPERSES IN DIFFERENT WAYS AS A SATELLITE WITH RODS AND CONES PROJECTING FROM IT COMES FLYING THROUGH THE AREA THAT THEY HAD JUST BEEN IN...

THAT'S IT! WE CAN GATHER SATELLITES AND BUILD A BASE UP HERE THAT
EVER FIND!
MOST SATELLITES HAVE SOLAR BATTERIES, SO WE'LL HAVE A GOOD POWER SOURCE!
GET STARTED!

AND SO...
THERE'S ONE WITH SOLAR BATTERIES ON IT! WE CAN ALSO USE THE OTHER EQUIPMENT INSIDE IT!
THEN LET'S GET IT!


OTHERS OF THE MULTIPLE THREAT ALSO HAVE GOOD LUCK...
I WONDER WHAT THIS ONE CONTAINS?
WHO CARES! IF IT HELPS US TO BECOME ONE AGAIN, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!

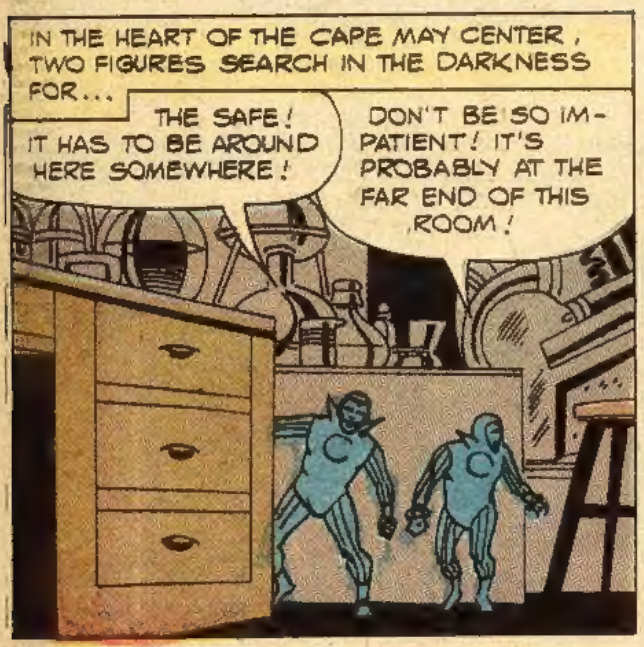

WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK, THE GROUP MANAGE TO COLLECT DOZENS OF SATELLITES AND THEN BEGIN TO TEAR THEM APART IN ORDER TO BUILD THEIR SANCTUARY IN THE SKY...

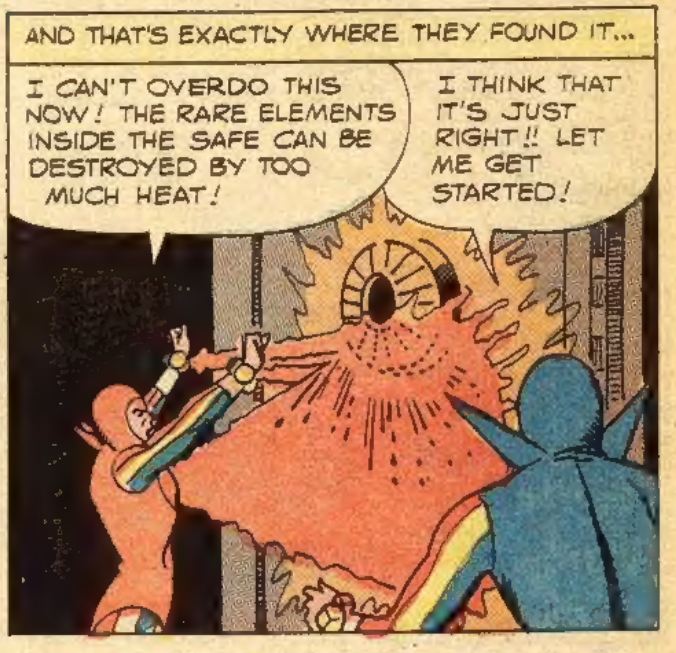

FINALLY THE WORK IS COMPLETED AND THE FIVE STARE AT WHAT IS REALLY THE WORLD'S FIRST SPACE STATION...
IT'S FINISHED! THIS SHOULD SUIT US FINE!
NOW ALL WE NEED IS SOME ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND RARE CHEMICALS FOR OUR LABORATORY!
THOSE PROJECTING PLATES PROVIDE A POWER SOURCE THAT THE WORLD HAS NEVER KNOWN BEFORE!
LET'S HURRY WITH THE JOB OF BECOMING ONE AGAIN!
THE SOONER WE ARE ONE, THE FASTER WE CAN GET REVENGE ON THAT MEDDLING CAPTAIN ATOM!

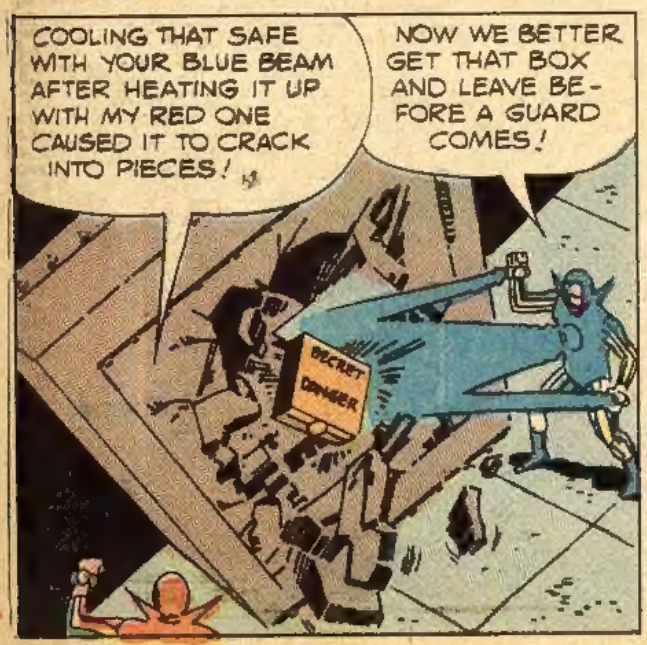
ALL THIS TIME CAPTAIN ATOM HAS BEEN AFTER A GANG OF SPIES AND HE IS NOW WINDING UP THIS CASE IN A FAST AND FURIOUS MANNER...
A FEW MORE SECONDS, AND YOU'LL BE ANOTHER GROUP OF PITIFUL HUMANS THAT WILL REALIZE YOU CAN'T RULE THE WORLD!
UGH!
THE WORLD NEEDS YOU AS MUCH AS IT NEEDS ANOTHER HITLER!
LATER, CAPTAIN ADAM RELAXES LIKE OTHER AIR FORCE PERSONNEL OVER A CUP OF COFFEE AND SOME DOUGHNUTS WHEN...
BACK TO BEING JUST PLAIN CAPTAIN ADAM, U.S. AIR FORCE FOR A FEW DAYS NOW!
OH, OH! I SPOKE TOO SOON! WONDER WHAT THE RADIO REPORT WILL HAVE FOR ME TO DO THIS TIME?
THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF LITTLE MEN RAIDING OUR DEFENSE STATIONS AND MAKING OFF WITH VALUABLE EQUIPMENT! THEY ALL FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF DR. SPECTRO, EXCEPT THAT THEY ARE SMALLER AND IN DIFFERENT COLORED SUITS! REPORT IN AT ONCE!
LITTLE MEN DRESSED LIKE DR. SPECTRO... IS HE BACK SO SOON AND USING MIDGETS TO PULL HIS DIRTY WORK FOR HIM? I WONDER WHAT HE IS UP TO THIS TIME!?
ANY NEW REPORTS, GUNNER?
WE'RE WAITING FOR ONE TO COME IN RIGHT NOW! HAVE ANY IDEAS ABOUT WHAT THESE MIDGETS ARE DOING, AND WHERE THEY'RE FROM?

THOSE IMPS WERE SPOTTED ON RADAR AND ARE HEADING FOR THE SCIENCE CENTER AT CAPE MAY! YOU BETTER GET THERE FAST, CAPTAIN ATOM!

GOOD LUCK, CAP!
I MAY NEED IT! IF THESE MEN HAVE ANY OF DR. SPECTRO'S POWERS, I HAVE A BATTLE ON MY HANDS!


IN THE HEART OF THE CAPE MAY CENTER, TWO FIGURES SEARCH IN THE DARKNESS FOR...
THE SAFE! IT HAS TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
DON'T BE SO IMPATIENT! IT'S PROBABLY AT THE FAR END OF THIS ROOM!


AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE THEY FOUND IT...
I CAN'T OVERDO THIS NOW! THE RARE ELEMENTS INSIDE THE SAFE CAN BE DESTROYED BY TOO MUCH HEAT!
I THINK THAT IT'S JUST RIGHT!! LET ME GET STARTED!


COOLING THAT SAFE WITH YOUR BLUE BEAM AFTER HEATING IT UP WITH MY RED ONE CAUSED IT TO CRACK INTO PIECES!
NOW WE BETTER GET THAT BOX AND LEAVE BEFORE A GUARD COMES!
SECRET DANGER

BUT SOMEONE BETTER THAN A GUARD ARRIVES JUST THEN...
JUST IN TIME, I SEE! WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU TWO, YOU'LL WISH THE REAL DR. SPECTRO WERE HERE TO HELP YOU!
CAPTAIN ATOM!!

NOW I'LL PUT YOU TWO REFUGEES FROM A SIDE-SHOW WHERE YOU CAN'T STEAL ANYMORE!
LET'S HIT HIM WITH OUR BEAMS AT THE SAME TIME!
AND SO THE TWO TURN THEIR POWER OF HEAT AND COLD ON CAPTAIN ATOM AT THE SAME TIME...
WHAT TH...
NOW, FEEL WHAT TWO DR. SPECTROS CAN DO TO ONE CAPTAIN ATOM!
BY THE TIME WE'RE THROUGH, HE'LL WISH THAT WE WERE ONE PERSON AGAIN!
LOOK AT THE MIGHTY HERO NOW!
WHERE? WHAT HERO?
HA, HA! HE COULDN'T RAISE A DEFENSE IN TIME! IF THE OTHERS WERE HERE, WE COULD DESTROY HIM WITH OUR POWERS!
LET'S GET BACK AND TELL THE OTHERS WHAT WE'VE DONE!
OH!!! THEY GOT AWAY! BUT AT LEAST I LEARNED THAT THE ORIGINAL DR. SPECTRO IS DIVIDED INTO SMALLER VERSIONS!
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"THE STRONG MAN"

The desire on part of the male creature to be physically fit and strong seems to be fundamental in human nature. And in the history of this planet, the old saying, "The Strong Survive and the Weak Perish," definitely is correct. In the past, and even today, the word strong is often synonymous with being physcially strong. The limitation is that in today's world, the physically inferior man can with the help of certain inventions, conquer a man who is physically superior to him. The best illustration would be the invention of the six-shooter. In the Old West, the man who could handle this invention of Mr. Colt could send a big bad man to the happy hunting grounds.

If we start with the fact that being physically strong is a human characteristic that can mean a lot to a person, then what about our so-called weakling? What does the weakling do when he has to face the sad fact he can never be a He-man in this world, at least? The Psychologists talk about an "Inferiority Complex." If we know there is something we can't attain-what do we do about it? We hate to admit we are inferior in that respect. So one thing we can do is to show we are superior in something else. And also point out that what we are superior in-is what is important. If people start to point out about that other situation, then we depreciate it as much as possible.

The man who hasn't any money and will never get any, talks about the evils connected with having a lot of money. In fact he even praises the "Virtues of Poverty." The man who isn't in any respect handsome tells you that looks aren't everything. It is the inward true character of a man that is most important. And the man who hasn't a college education, always talks about common sense. Tells you that this is something he has and that a college education can't give it to you.

Yet the world does admire the strong man, be he a Hercules, a Samson, or a modern day champion in any of the leading sports. And now we must make a closer examination of being physically fit in its relationship to the human brain. For it is one thing to have a tremendous physical strength-and it is something else to be able to apply it and use it in a given situation.

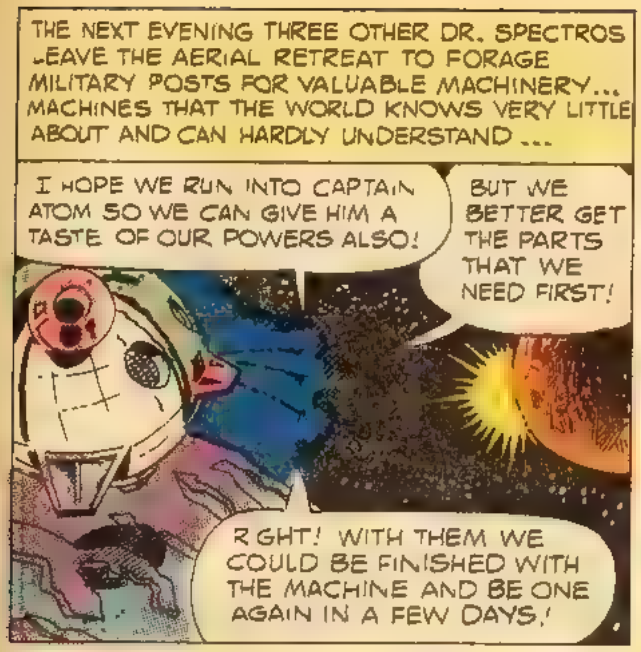
The boxer takes his phsyical strength as his background. You can call it his "taking ability" and his "lasting ability." But he still has to learn how to box. He has to be quick and agile. He has to use his brains in a fraction of a second. to decide, in view of what his opponent is doing, what he has to do. Now we are aware of the fact that this kind of fighting is done under rules. So that often we see the lighter man whip the heavier man. And too much weight can be a handicap.

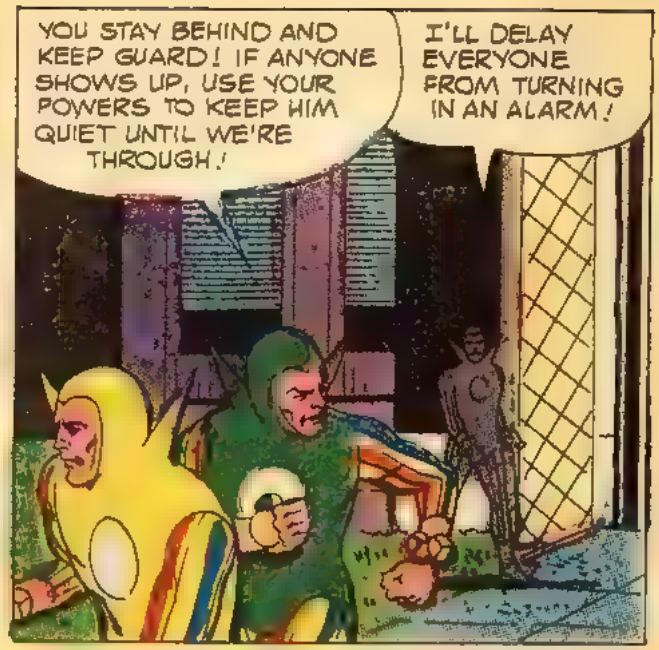
We get a similar situation in a true wrestling match. I am not talking about the staged vaudeville act in which both men go through a lot of groans and grunts. One must know what hold to use, how to break a given hold under various conditions, and even how to conserve physical energy for utmost lasting ability. Again, this is under a series of rules. Of course, if it were a matter of life and death-with no rules and nothing to stop you-what would happen? Who would be the stronger man?

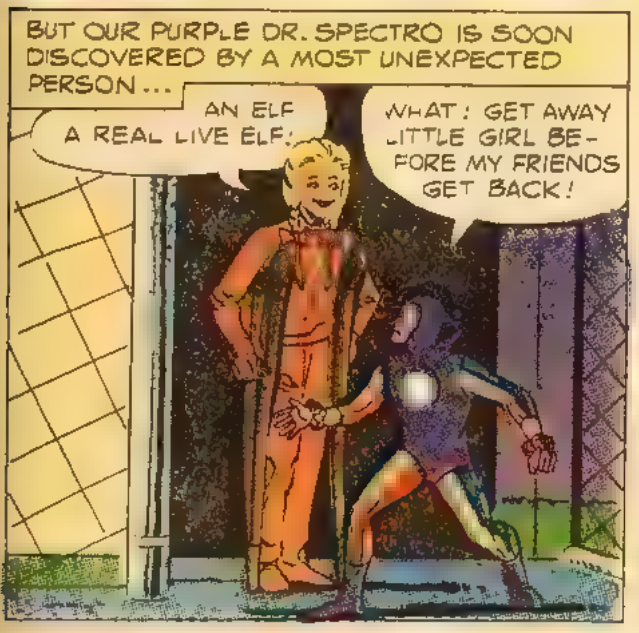
I can remember Football back in the days when a team had tough giants on it. When you fell on a man, something seemed to happen to the man on the ground. Today, modern Football has become almost a scientific study involving a combination of brains-and brawn. I like that expression very much: "Brains and Brawn."

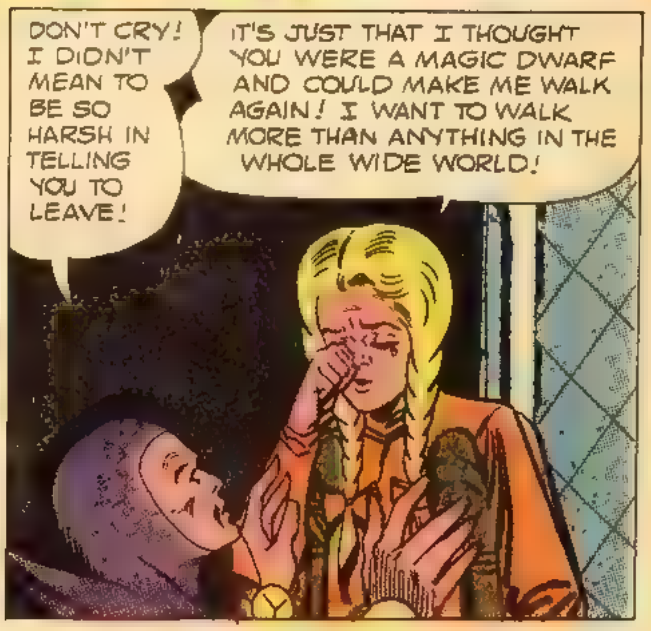
Today, we have sadly learned that a large percentage of our youth just isn't physically fit. And something can be done about it. One has but to read the life of Theodore Roosevelt to see how a puny lad turned himself into a first class outdoors man and became really physically fit. The work in this modern world requires physically fit people.

In future articles, we will tell you what is being done. And even what you can do for yourself. Should you be strong-how to be stronger. Should you be weak-how to be strong. Maybe the girls will admire the muscles on your arms. Maybe the girls will admire your ability to lift heavy weights. Maybe the girls will admire the way you swim. Who knows? Only the girls.

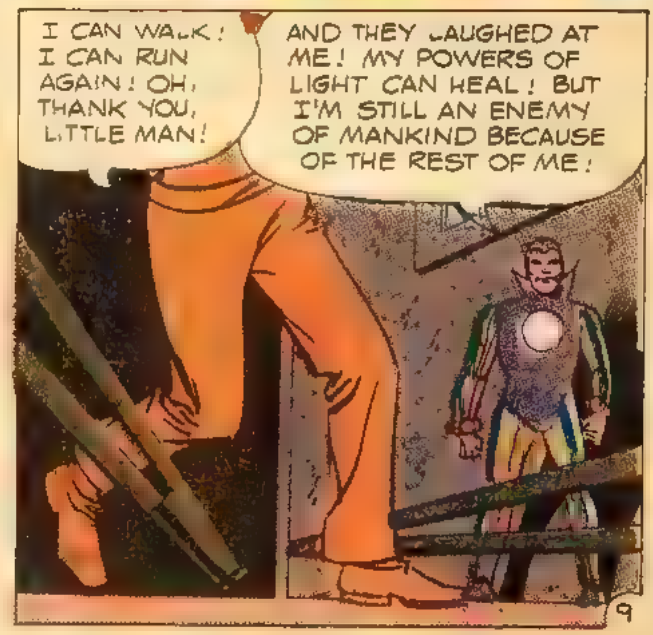

THE NEXT EVENING THREE OTHER DR. SPECTROS LEAVE THE AERIAL RETREAT TO FORAGE MILITARY POSTS FOR VALUABLE MACHINERY... MACHINES THAT THE WORLD KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT AND CAN HARDLY UNDERSTAND ...
I HOPE WE RUN INTO CAPTAIN ATOM SO WE CAN GIVE HIM A TASTE OF OUR POWERS ALSO!
BUT WE BETTER GET THE PARTS THAT WE NEED FIRST!
RIGHT! WITH THEM WE COULD BE FINISHED WITH THE MACHINE AND BE ONE AGAIN IN A FEW DAYS!


YOU STAY BEHIND AND KEEP GUARD! IF ANYONE SHOWS UP, USE YOUR POWERS TO KEEP HIM QUIET UNTIL WE'RE THROUGH!
I'LL DELAY EVERYONE FROM TURNING IN AN ALARM!


BUT OUR PURPLE DR. SPECTRO IS SOON DISCOVERED BY A MOST UNEXPECTED PERSON...
AN ELF A REAL LIVE ELF!
WHAT! GET AWAY LITTLE GIRL BEFORE MY FRIENDS GET BACK!


DON'T CRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE SO HARSH IN TELLING YOU TO LEAVE!
IT'S JUST THAT I THOUGHT YOU WERE A MAGIC DWARF AND COULD MAKE ME WALK AGAIN! I WANT TO WALK MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!

SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH THIS DR. SPECTRO FEELS SORRY FOR THE GIRL AND...
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND MAKE A WISH FOR YOURSELF REAL HARD AND YOU'LL WALK AGAIN, KATHY
I'M WISHING! SEE, KATHY IS WISHING!


I CAN WALK! I CAN RUN AGAIN! OH, THANK YOU, LITTLE MAN!
AND THEY LAUGHED AT ME! MY POWERS OF LIGHT CAN HEAL! BUT I'M STILL AN ENEMY OF MANKIND BECAUSE OF THE REST OF ME!
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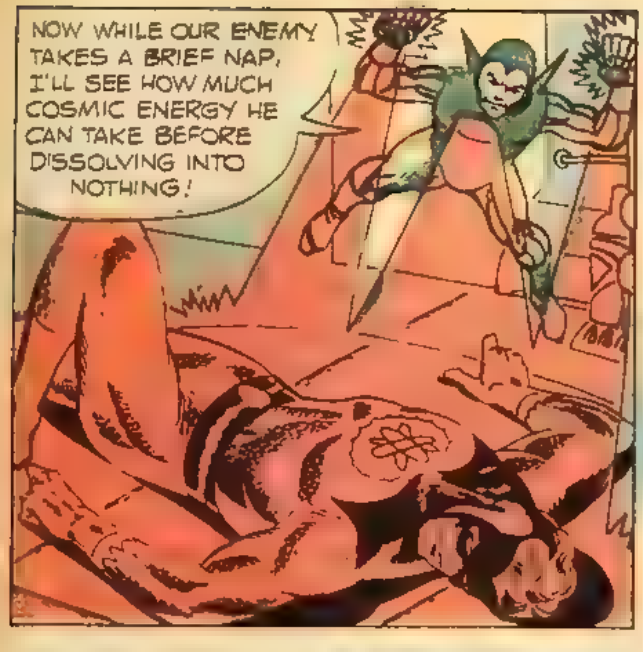
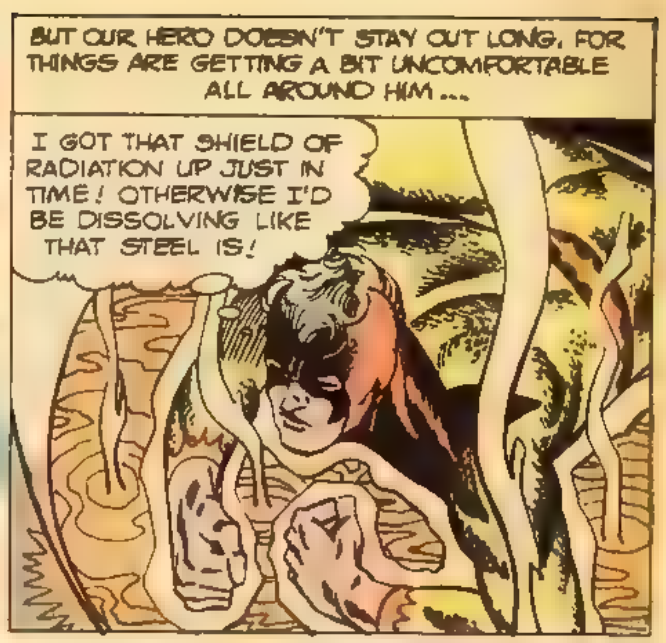
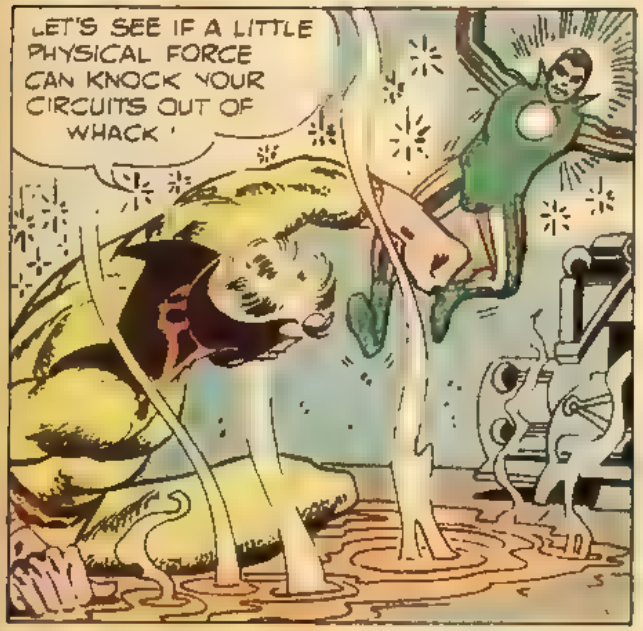
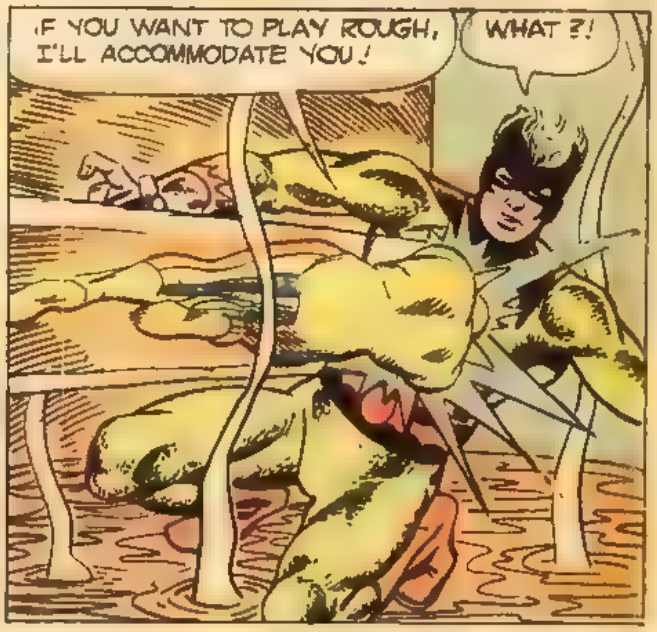
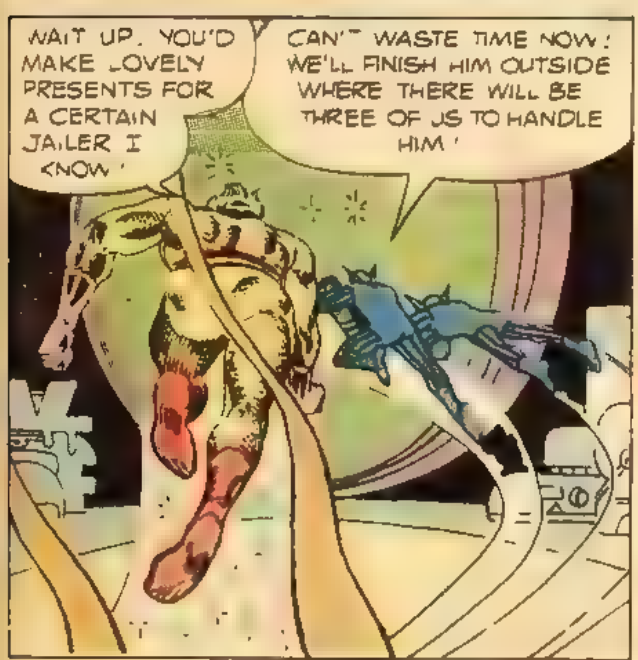
INSIDE THE BUILDING, THE OTHERS ARE BUSY TRYING TO ENTER A HUGE VAULT...
WE'LL BE THROUGH BEFORE THAT GUARD CAN TURN IN AN ALARM!
I HOPE YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH THE TIME MECHANISM, AS I'M ALMOST THROUGH OPENING THE VAULT!
BUT THERE IS A BIG SURPRISE IN STORE FOR THESE TWO...
THAT ATOMIC BATTERY SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
PERHAPS IT'S THAT STRANGE MACHINE OVER THERE!
THIS IS WHAT WE NEED! BUT WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
BEHIND US! IT'S CAPTAIN ATOM!
CORRECT AT THE FIRST GUESS! YOUR PRIZE WILL BE A SWIFT BLOW TO THE JAW!
GET HIM.
AND HERE'S A GIFT FOR YOU MY RADIOACTIVE FRIEND!
BEFORE THE MAN OF MOLECULAR MASTERY HAS TIME TO SET UP A DEFENSE, HE IS STRUCK BY THE FORCE RAY THAT FEELS LIKE SOLID STEEL...
IF THAT ONE ISN'T ENOUGH, I'LL SEND YOU ANOTHER ONE A LITTLE STRONGER TO KEEP YOU DIZZY!


NOW WHILE OUR ENEMY TAKES A BRIEF NAP, I'LL SEE HOW MUCH COSMIC ENERGY HE CAN TAKE BEFORE DISSOLVING INTO NOTHING!

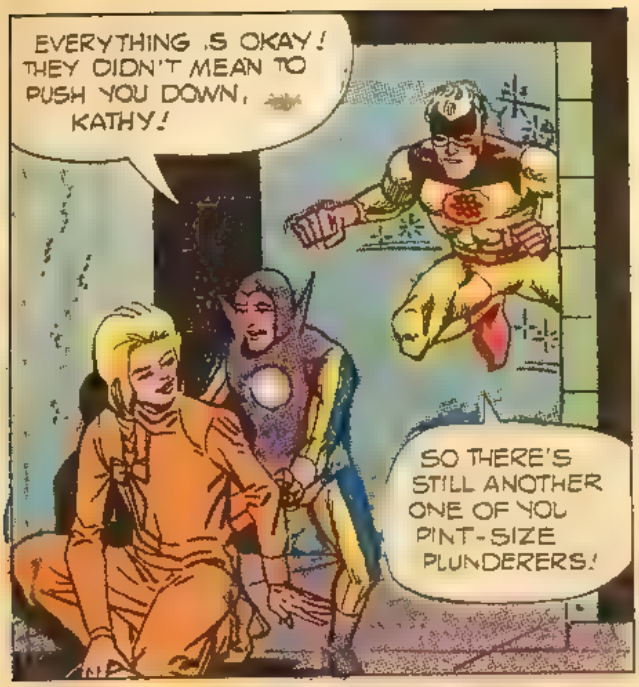

BUT OUR HERO DOESN'T STAY OUT LONG, FOR THINGS ARE GETTING A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE ALL AROUND HIM...
I GOT THAT SHIELD OF RADIATION UP JUST IN TIME! OTHERWISE I'D BE DISSOLVING LIKE THAT STEEL IS!


LET'S SEE IF A LITTLE PHYSICAL FORCE CAN KNOCK YOUR CIRCUITS OUT OF WHACK!

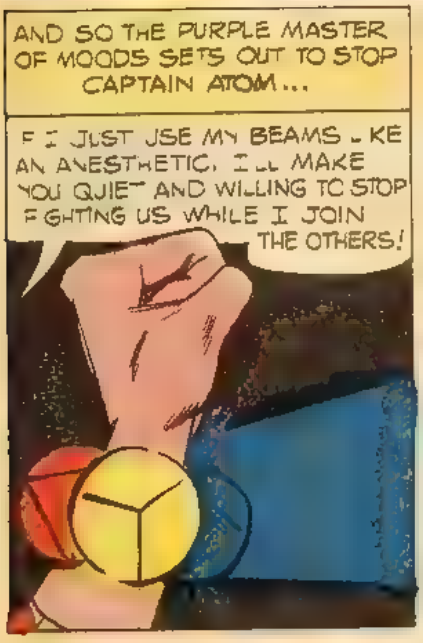

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY ROUGH, I'LL ACCOMMODATE YOU!
WHAT?!

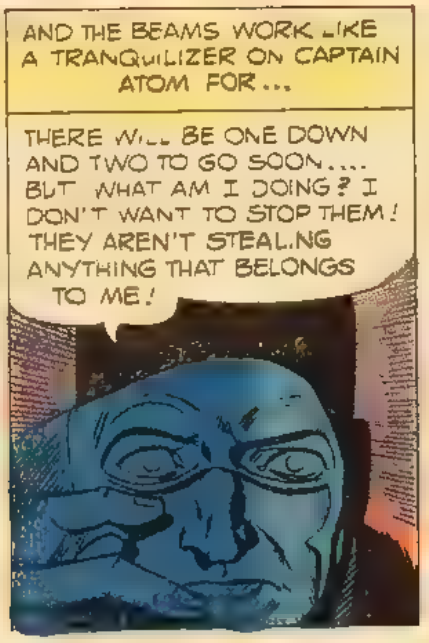

WAIT UP. YOU'D MAKE LOVELY PRESENTS FOR A CERTAIN JAILER I KNOW!
CAN'T WASTE TIME NOW! WE'LL FINISH HIM OUTSIDE WHERE THERE WILL BE THREE OF US TO HANDLE HIM!

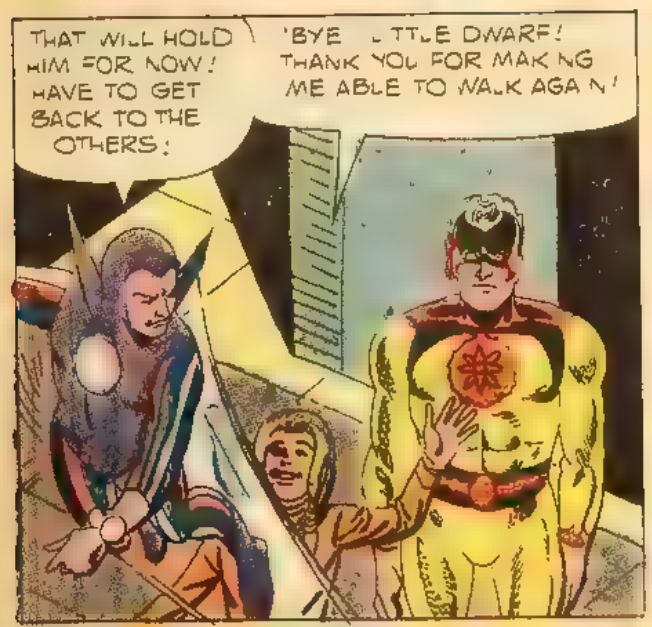
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? CAPTAIN ATOM IS RIGHT BEHIND US AND WE NEED YOUR HELP.
YOU TWO GO ON WITH THE EQUIPMENT WHILE I STOP HIM!
I HAVE TO GET THEM AWAY BEFORE THEY THINK OF USING THE LITTLE GIRL AS A HOSTAGE.

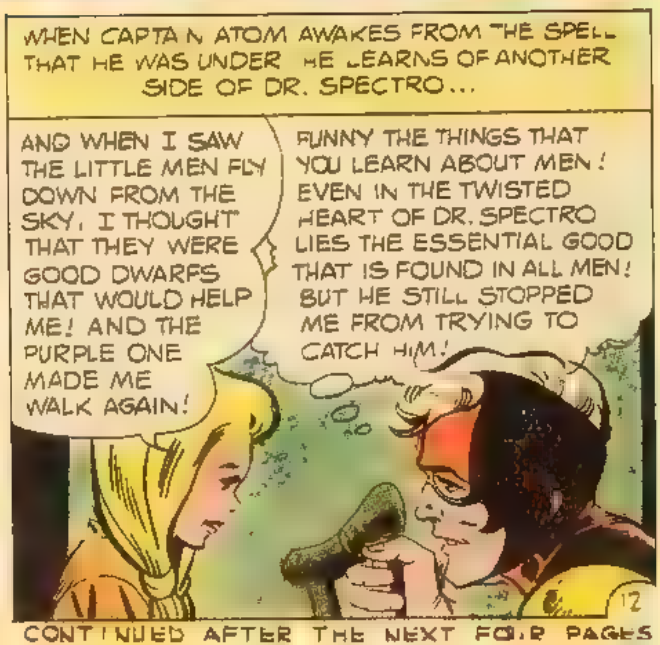


I DON'T WANT TO STOP YOU FROM CATCHING THEM, CAPTAIN ATOM! BUT IF I DON'T, I MIGHT NEVER GET A CHANCE TO BECOME ONE MAN AGAIN AND GAIN CONTROL OF THE EVIL WITHIN ME! I JUST NEED A LITTLE TIME!


AND SO THE PURPLE MASTER OF MOODS SETS OUT TO STOP CAPTAIN ATOM...
IF I JUST USE MY BEAMS LIKE AN ANESTHETIC, I'LL MAKE YOU QUIET AND WILLING TO STOP FIGHTING US WHILE I JOIN THE OTHERS!


AND THE BEAMS WORK LIKE A TRANQUILIZER ON CAPTAIN ATOM FOR...
THERE WILL BE ONE DOWN AND TWO TO GO SOON.... BUT WHAT AM I DOING? I DON'T WANT TO STOP THEM! THEY AREN'T STEALING ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO ME!




WHEN CAPTAIN ATOM AWAKES FROM THE SPELL THAT HE WAS UNDER HE LEARNS OF ANOTHER SIDE OF DR. SPECTRO...
AND WHEN I SAW THE LITTLE MEN FLY DOWN FROM THE SKY, I THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE GOOD DWARFS THAT WOULD HELP ME! AND THE PURPLE ONE MADE ME WALK AGAIN!
FUNNY THE THINGS THAT YOU LEARN ABOUT MEN! EVEN IN THE TWISTED HEART OF DR. SPECTRO LIES THE ESSENTIAL GOOD THAT IS FOUND IN ALL MEN! BUT HE STILL STOPPED ME FROM TRYING TO CATCH HIM!
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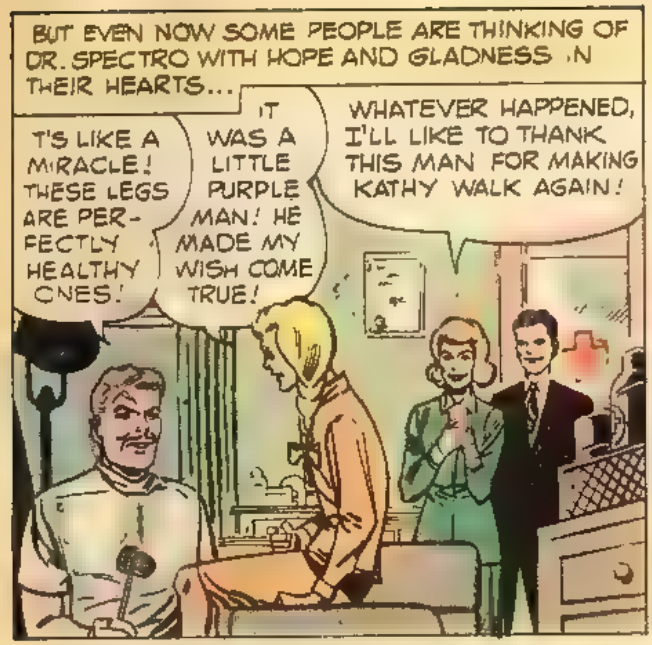
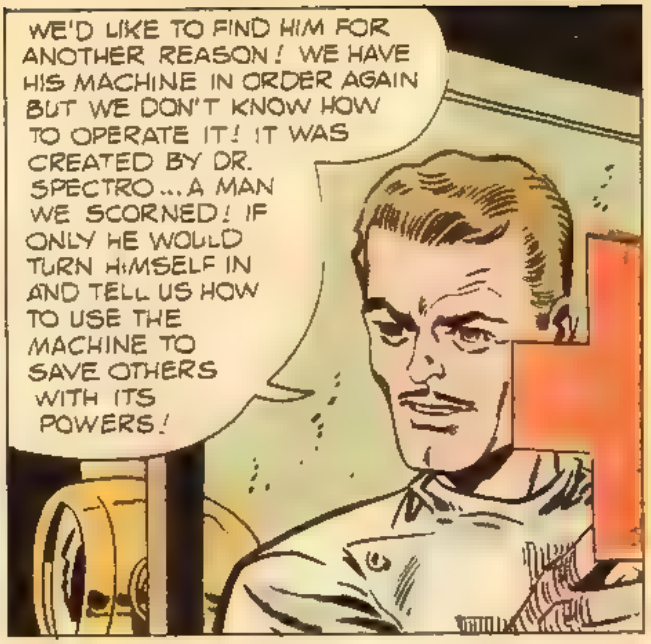
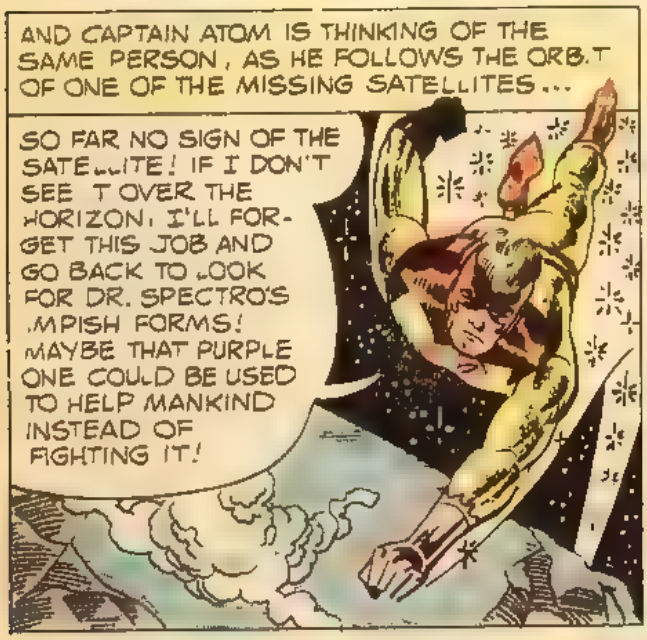
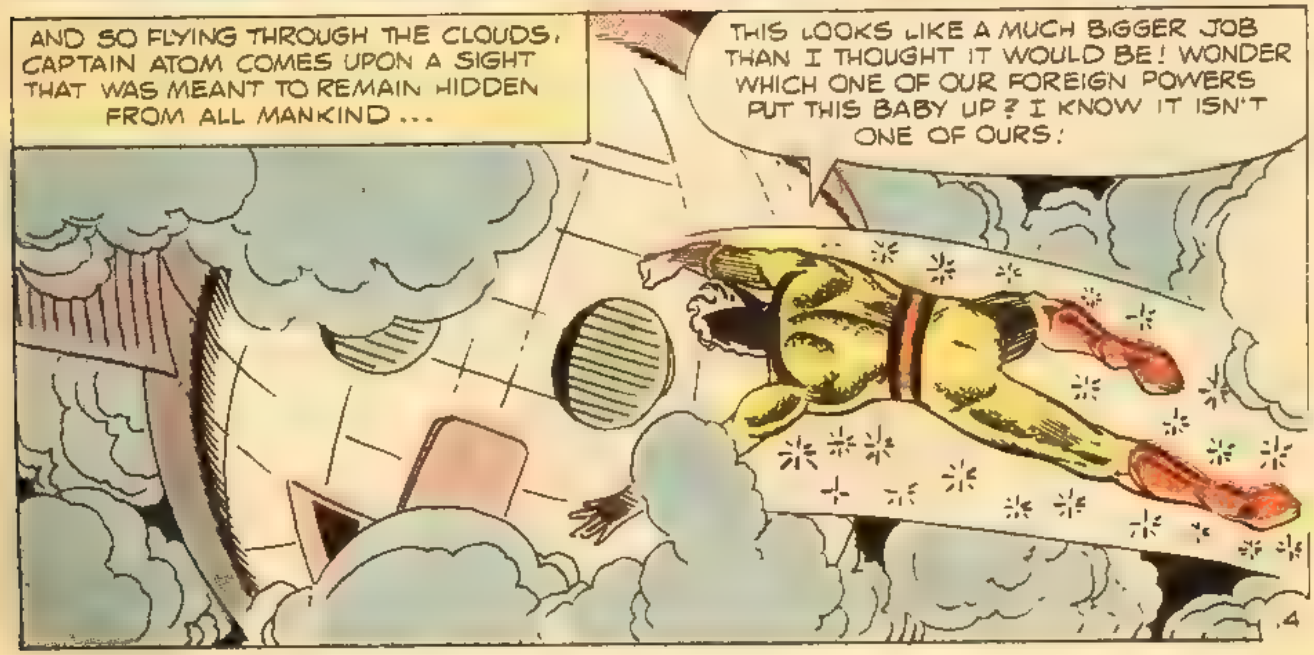
AND SO, AFTER TAKING KATHY HOME, CAPTAIN ATOM REPORTS BACK TO ONE OF HIS SUPERIORS. ONLY TO LEARN ...
SORRY THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE YOU OFF THE OTHER CASE LIKE THIS! SOME OF OUR SPACE SATELLITES HAVE STOPPED OPERATING AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND A TRACE OF THEM! YOU'LL HAVE TO GO UP AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM AND GET THEM WORKING AGAIN!
I HATE TO MISS OUT ON A CHANCE TO GET AT DR. SPECTRO AGAIN! BUT I GUESS HE CAN WAIT UNTIL I GET BACK!
IF I COULD JUST GO BACK TO WHERE I LAST SAW THEM, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO PICK UP SOME TRACE OF WHERE THEY ESCAPED TO! BUT MY MISSION COMES FIRST!
BUT OUR HERO SHOULDN'T FEEL SO UNHAPPY! HE IS ABOUT TO FIND HIS LITTLE ENEMIES! AND WHAT IS THE MASTER OF MOODS DOING RIGHT NOW?
A FEW MORE CONNECTIONS TO MAKE AND THIS PANEL WILL BE OPERATING!
MY COILS ARE ALL SECURE AND WAITING FOR THE CHARGES TO GO FLOWING THROUGH THEM!
IF MY MEASUREMENTS WERE CORRECT, THE CHEMICALS USED IN THE PROCESS WILL BRING US BACK TOGETHER WITH ME IN CONTROL OF ALL MY EMOTIONS! MY EVIL SIDE WILL VANISH LIKE HYDE DID!
WITH THIS ROD IN PLACE, THE MACHINE WILL BE READY TO TEST. CHECK THE RETURNO PLATE BLUE!
IN A FEW HOURS, WE'LL ALL STAND AROUND THIS PLATE AND WE'LL BECOME ONE AGAIN!
THEN WE'LL SHOW THE WORLD AND CAPTAIN ATOM!

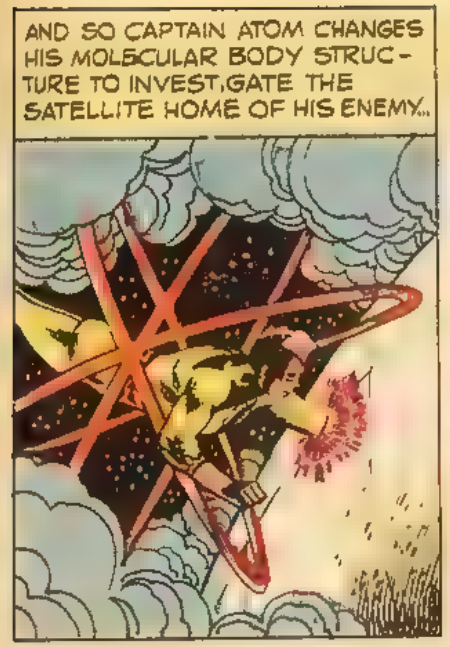

BUT EVEN NOW SOME PEOPLE ARE THINKING OF DR. SPECTRO WITH HOPE AND GLADNESS IN THEIR HEARTS...
IT'S LIKE A MIRACLE! THESE LEGS ARE PERFECTLY HEALTHY ONES!
IT WAS A LITTLE PURPLE MAN! HE MADE MY WISH COME TRUE!
WHATEVER HAPPENED, I'LL LIKE TO THANK THIS MAN FOR MAKING KATHY WALK AGAIN!

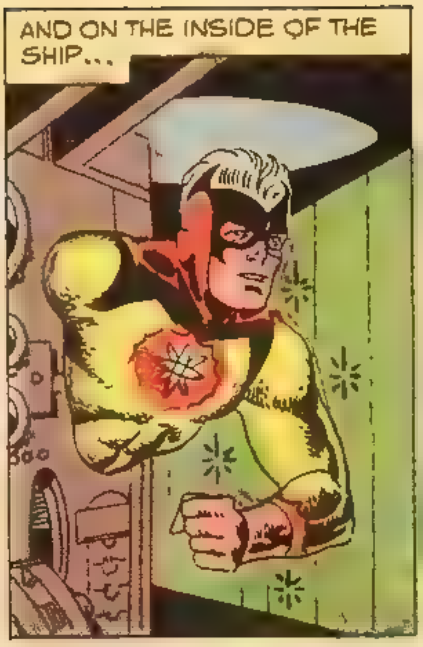

WE'D LIKE TO FIND HIM FOR ANOTHER REASON! WE HAVE HIS MACHINE IN ORDER AGAIN BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO OPERATE IT! IT WAS CREATED BY DR. SPECTRO...A MAN WE SCORNED! IF ONLY HE WOULD TURN HIMSELF IN AND TELL US HOW TO USE THE MACHINE TO SAVE OTHERS WITH ITS POWERS!

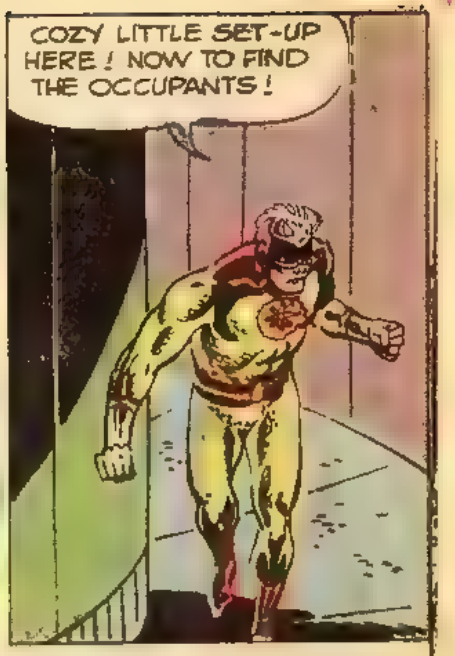

AND CAPTAIN ATOM IS THINKING OF THE SAME PERSON, AS HE FOLLOWS THE ORBIT OF ONE OF THE MISSING SATELLITES...
SO FAR NO SIGN OF THE SATELLITE! IF I DON'T SEE IT OVER THE HORIZON, I'LL FORGET THIS JOB AND GO BACK TO LOOK FOR DR. SPECTRO'S IMPISH FORMS! MAYBE THAT PURPLE ONE COULD BE USED TO HELP MANKIND INSTEAD OF FIGHTING IT!

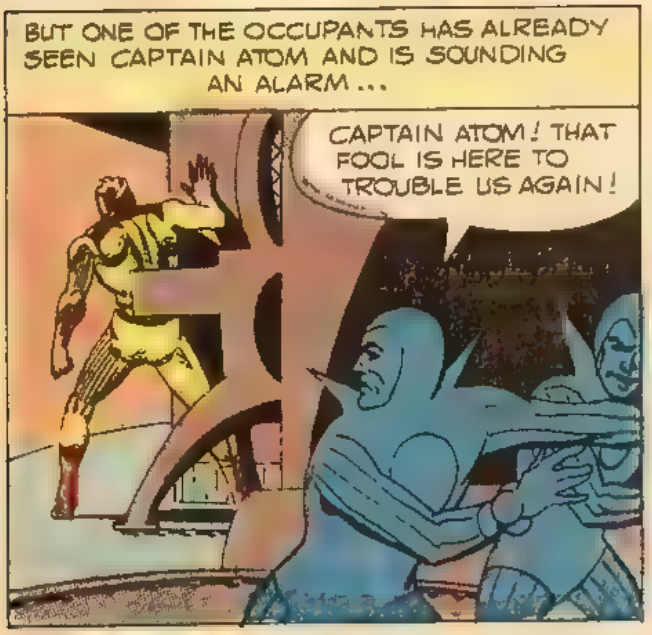
WHAT ARE ALL THOSE CLOUDS DOING UP HERE? THEY SHOULDN'T BE THAT CLOSELY PACKED TOGETHER! I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE!

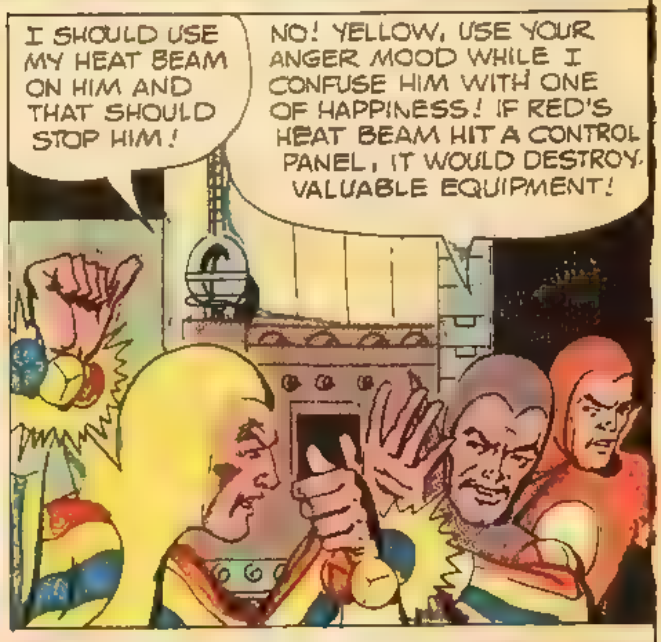

AND SO FLYING THROUGH THE CLOUDS, CAPTAIN ATOM COMES UPON A SIGHT THAT WAS MEANT TO REMAIN HIDDEN FROM ALL MANKIND...
THIS LOOKS LIKE A MUCH BIGGER JOB THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE! WONDER WHICH ONE OF OUR FOREIGN POWERS PUT THIS BABY UP? I KNOW IT ISN'T ONE OF OURS!

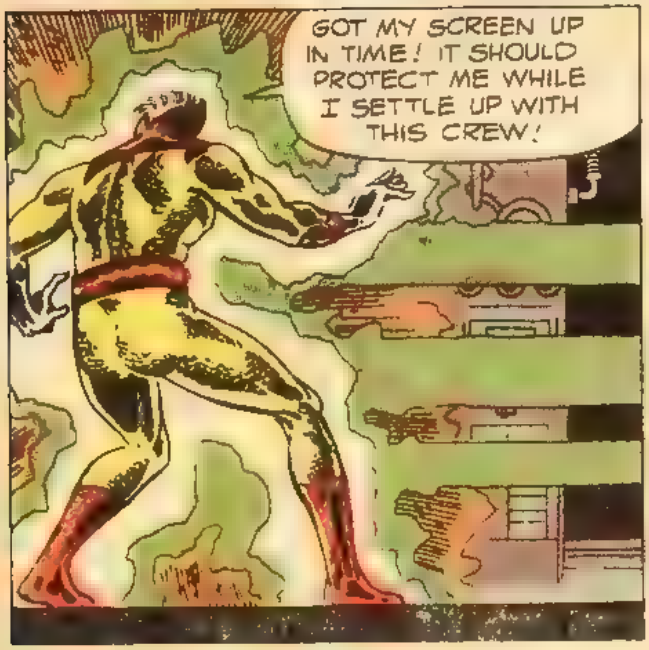







BUT ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS HAS ALREADY SEEN CAPTAIN ATOM AND IS SOUNDING AN ALARM...
CAPTAIN ATOM! THAT FOOL IS HERE TO TROUBLE US AGAIN!


I SHOULD USE MY HEAT BEAM ON HIM AND THAT SHOULD STOP HIM!
NO! YELLOW, USE YOUR ANGER MOOD WHILE I CONFUSE HIM WITH ONE OF HAPPINESS! IF RED'S HEAT BEAM HIT A CONTROL PANEL, IT WOULD DESTROY VALUABLE EQUIPMENT!



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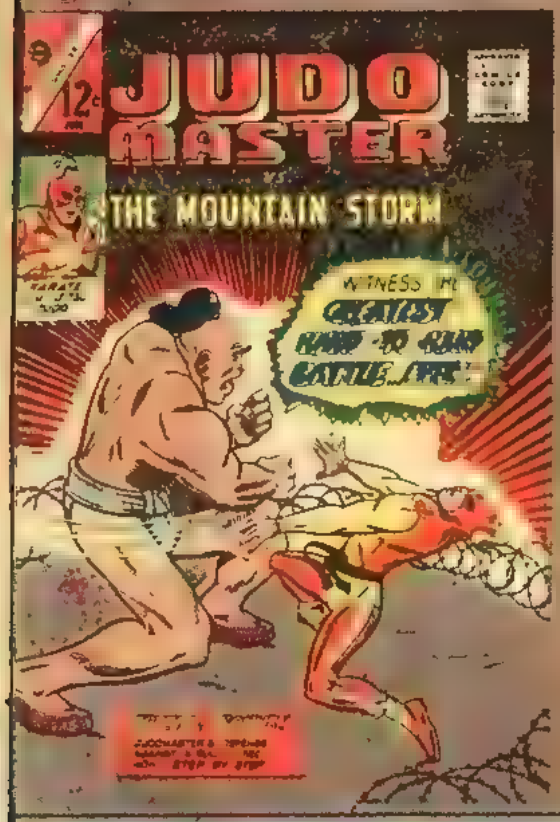
WE KID YOU NOT... THESE GREAT ACTION-HEROES ARE ON SALE NOW!



CAPTAIN ATOM

THE FIGHTIN' 5

GO-GO with the "IN" crowd!

FIRST ISSUE ON SALE MARCH 8TH

ANOTHER GREAT NEW COMIC FROM CHARLTON!!

GHOSTLY TALES

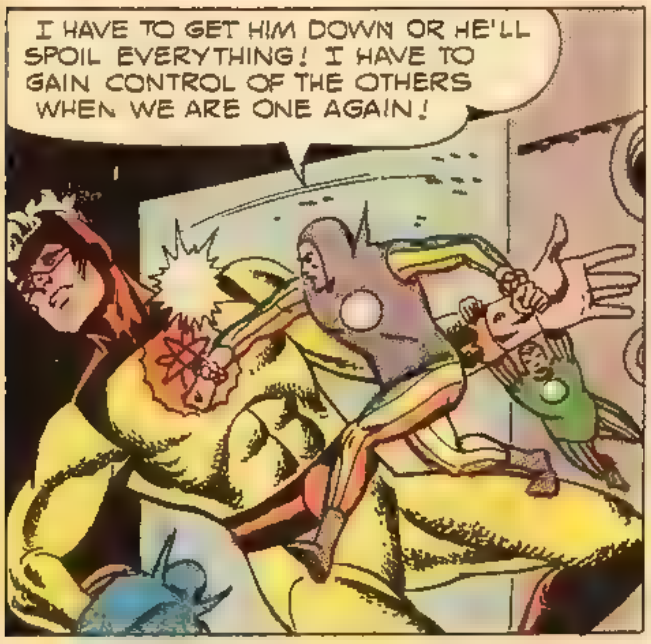
DO YOU BELIEVE IN GHOSTS EH? WELL, COME WITH ME INTO MY PARLOR AND LET ME SPIN YOU SOME YARNS FROM MY HOUSE THE HAUNTED HOUSE! AS SURE AS MY NAME IS MR. L. DEDD YOU'LL NEVER FORGET THEM! IT'S ME OR A GERMAN COMMAND POST IN A GRAVEYARD MEET THE ARMY OF THE DEAD IT'S AN EXPEDITION WHERE YOU'LL MEET GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST THEN THERE'S A TRIP TO THE BONE-YARD OF THE EARTH FOR A SHOCKING POWERFUL TALE AND MORE MUCH MORE READY...?

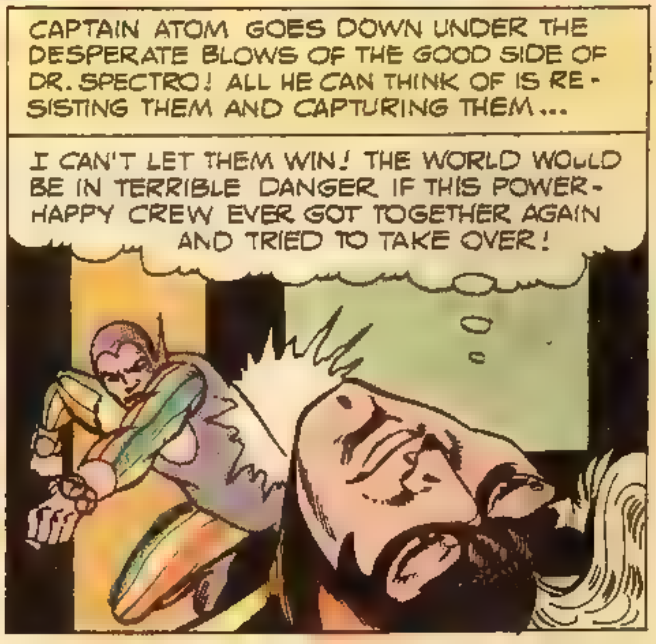
WE WILL HAVE TO OVER-COME HIM PHYSICALLY! WE CAN'T RISK HAVING ANY MACHINERY DAMAGED BY OUR BEAMS OR HIS ATOMIC FIRE BALLS!
IF WE GET HIM DOWN, THE REST CAN HELP KEEP HIM DOWN!
FALL, YOU... FALL!
NOW I KNOW WHAT A DOG FEELS LIKE WHEN HE HAS TO GET RID OF FLEAS!
I'VE UPSET HIS BALANCE! HURRY AND HOLD HIM DOWN.
AND CAPTAIN ATOM FINDS HIMSELF LOOKING LIKE GULLIVER WHILE HELD DOWN BY THE FIVE TINY DR. SPECTROS...
WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH HIM OFF AFTER THE OPERATION: I'LL USE MY SICKNESS BEAM ON HIM UNTIL HE COLLAPSES INTO A FAINT!

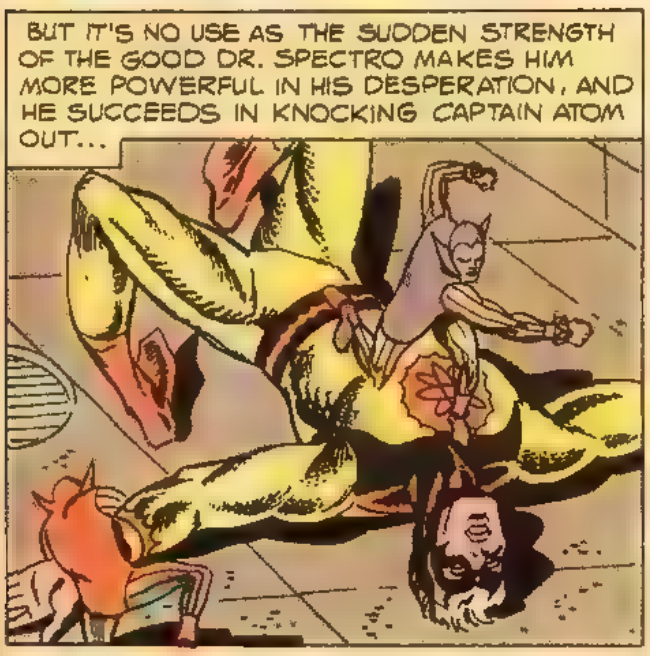
WE'LL JUST LET YOU REST AWHILE UNTIL WE GET BACK TOGETHER AGAIN! THEN WE WILL PLAN A LITTLE CELEBRATION... WE'LL CELEBRATE THE END OF CAPTAIN ATOM!
IF ALL GOES WELL, YOUR PLAN, BROTHERS, WILL DISAPPEAR WHEN WE BECOME ONE! THEN I'LL GIVE MYSELF UP AND I'LL PERSUADE THEM TO LET ME WORK ON MY THEORIES OF HEALING AGAIN!
YOU ARE FEELING ILL... TERRIBLE SICKNESS! YOU WILL HURT SO MUCH THAT YOU WILL COLLAPSE FROM IT! FEEL SICK... SICK...
NOW'S MY CHANCE WHILE THEY HAVE LOOSENED THEIR HOLD ON ME A BIT!
AND SO CAPTAIN ATOM MAKES A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO FREE HIMSELF AND STOP HIS VARI-COLORED ENEMIES...

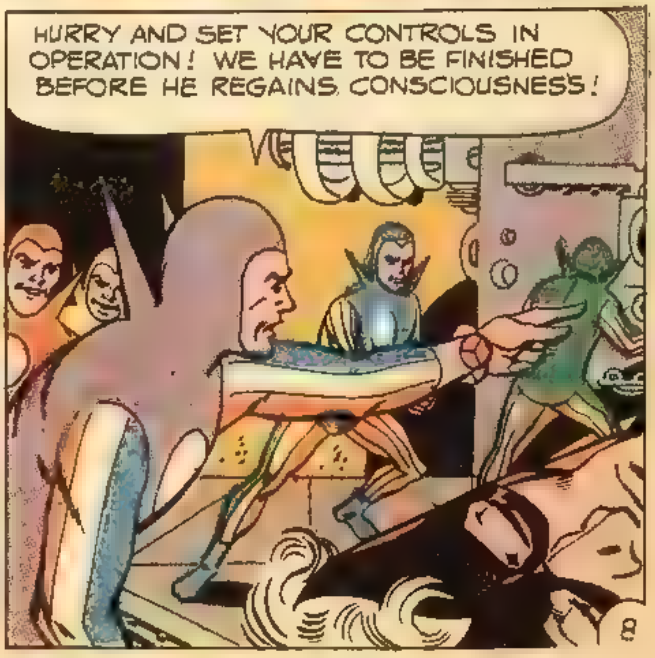
JUST A FEW MORE SECONDS AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHO WILL BE GOING UNDER WHOSE SPELL!

GET OFF THERE, YOU IMP!
I'LL FRY YOU LIKE THE DEVIL WOULD IF I GET A CHANCE LATER!


I HAVE TO GET HIM DOWN OR HE'LL SPOIL EVERYTHING! I HAVE TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE OTHERS WHEN WE ARE ONE AGAIN!


CAPTAIN ATOM GOES DOWN UNDER THE DESPERATE BLOWS OF THE GOOD SIDE OF DR. SPECTRO! ALL HE CAN THINK OF IS RESISTING THEM AND CAPTURING THEM...
I CAN'T LET THEM WIN! THE WORLD WOULD BE IN TERRIBLE DANGER IF THIS POWER-HAPPY CREW EVER GOT TOGETHER AGAIN AND TRIED TO TAKE OVER!


BUT IT'S NO USE AS THE SUDDEN STRENGTH OF THE GOOD DR. SPECTRO MAKES HIM MORE POWERFUL IN HIS DESPERATION, AND HE SUCCEEDS IN KNOCKING CAPTAIN ATOM OUT...


HURRY AND SET YOUR CONTROLS IN OPERATION! WE HAVE TO BE FINISHED BEFORE HE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS!

AND SO THE COLORFUL QUINTET GO ABOUT SETTING THE MACHINE INTO OPERATION: AND ONE AMONGST THEM HOPES THAT HE CAN SOMEHOW GAIN CONTROL OF HIS BODY AND SOUL FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND...

MY PANEL IS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY!

THE SOLAR BATTERIES ARE CHARGING AND THE RHEOSTATS ARE REGULATING THE FLOW OF POWER!

GOOD! LET'S ALL GATHER AROUND THE RETURNO-PLATE AND THE MACHINE WILL DO ITS WORK!

I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL THE IMPULSES!

I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUR CHANCE TO DESTROY THAT ATOMIC PILE OF HUMANITY OVER THERE!

THE LIGHTS DIM AND ELECTRIC IMPULSES CURL ABOUT THE FIVE FIGURES OVER THE RETURNO-PLATES...

I'M PRAYING LIKE I NEVER PRAYED BEFORE THAT MY PLAN WORKS! IF THE OTHER "ME" IS STILL IN CONTROL, THEN I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HELP CAPTAIN ATOM OR THE WORLD!

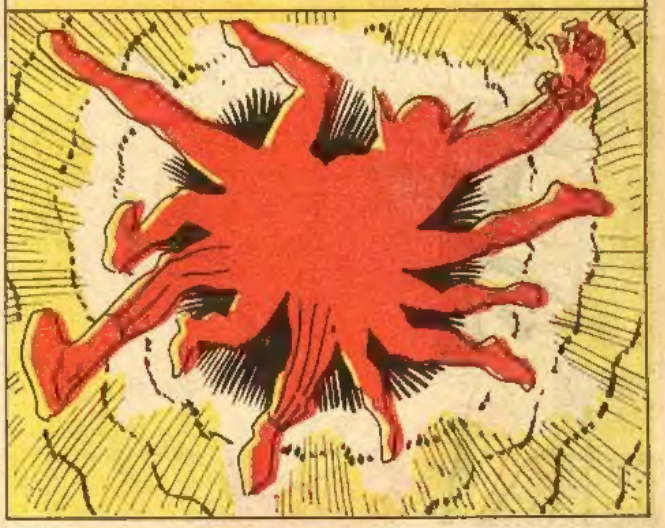
AS THE BUSY NOISE OF THE ACTIVATED MACHINERY SLOWLY ROUSES THE WEAKENED MIND OF CAPTAIN ATOM TO AWARENESS...

THAT NOISE! THEY'RE TRYING THEIR MACHINE OUT! I'LL HAVE TO STOP THEM NOW BEFORE THEY ARE ONE AGAIN... AND MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER!

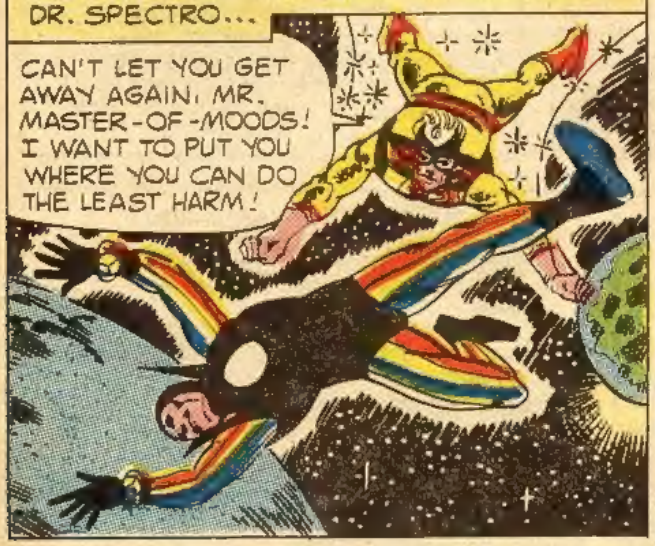
BUT THE MISPLACED WEAPON OF CAPTAIN ATOM FINDS ITS MARK ON A CONTROL PANEL AND CAUSES WIRES AND TUBES TO BE FUSED TOGETHER.

AND SUDDENLY CIRCUITS ARE OVERLOADED AND THE RHEOSTATS CAN NO LONGER CONTROL THE FLOW OF ELECTRICAL POWER IN THE SHIP, UNTIL THE MIDNIGHT SKY IS ILLUMINATED BY A MAGNIFICENT WHITE STORM OF LIGHT THAT CAN BE SEEN FOR MANY MILES...

AND AS STRANGELY AS THE FIVE FORMS OF DR. SPECTRO WERE BORN, THEY SUDDENLY MELT INTO ONE BY THE ENERGY BEING ABSORBED BY THEM...



CAPTAIN ATOM, NOW FULLY RECOVERED FROM THE TERRIFIC BEATING, FLIES INTO THE DARK SKY TO RESCUE THE FALLING DR. SPECTRO...



AND SO FOR CAPTAIN ATOM THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING SATELLITES AND THE SEARCH FOR DR. SPECTRO ARE BOTH ENDED WHEN THE NOW-RAVING MAN IS HANDED OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES...

WE'LL GET YOU YET, CAPTAIN ATOM!
I'LL BLAST HIM WITH MY HEAT RAY!
IF I PLANNED IT RIGHT, THE GOOD SIDE OF ME WILL BE IN COMMAND WHEN WE ARE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!

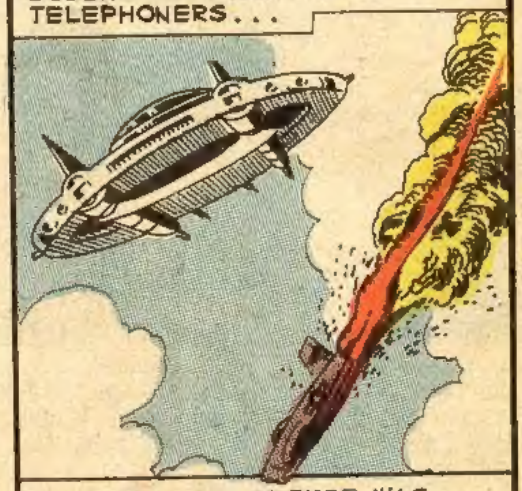
THIS LAST SENTENCE RINGS IN THE EARS OF OUR HERO AS DR. SPECTRO IS LED AWAY...

DID I HEAR RIGHT? WOULD THE UNITED DR. SPECTRO HAVE BEEN GOOD AGAIN? WILL I EVER KNOW THE TRUTH?
BUT WE KNOW THE TRUTH...AND, IF DR. SPECTRO IS EVER CURED, THEN CAPTAIN ATOM WILL KNOW ALSO! BUT, UNTIL THAT TIME, THERE WILL BE MANY ADVENTURES AND STRANGE VILLAINS TO BATTLE!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE U.F.O.?

BACK IN THE LATE FORTIES, REPORTS POURED IN..."UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" WERE BEING SIGHTED ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES! A PRIVATE PILOT REPORTED THE FIRST U.F.O.; NINE FLYING SAUCERS...

AT FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY, A HUGE GLOWING OBJECT WAS SIGHTED IN THE SKY! THIS WAS NOT AN ISOLATED GLIMPSE BY ONE MAN BUT DOZENS OF FRANTIC TELEPHONERS...



...THEN THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED AND FOLLOWED BY AN AIR FORCE CAPTAIN! BUT THE SAUCER DESTROYED THE FIGHTER AND ESCAPED!

THE AIR FORCE SURPRESSED REPORTS OF UFO SIGHTS AFTER AWHILE! AND THE GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION RESULTS WERE KNOWN TO FEW OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT AIRLINE CAPTAINS, RELIABLE MEN, HAVE SIGHTED THESE FLYING SAUCERS...BUT THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN KEPT IN THE DARK NOW, IN LATE YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN APPARENTLY NO SAUCER SIGHTING AT ALL

NO, YOU DON'T HEAR ABOUT THEM ANY MORE! WHY? WERE THERE ALIENS IN THEM? IF SO, WHY DID THEY GO AWAY? OR DIDN'T THEY LEAVE? ARE THEY HERE NOW, AMONGST US? IF SO, WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE? ARE YOU ONE?

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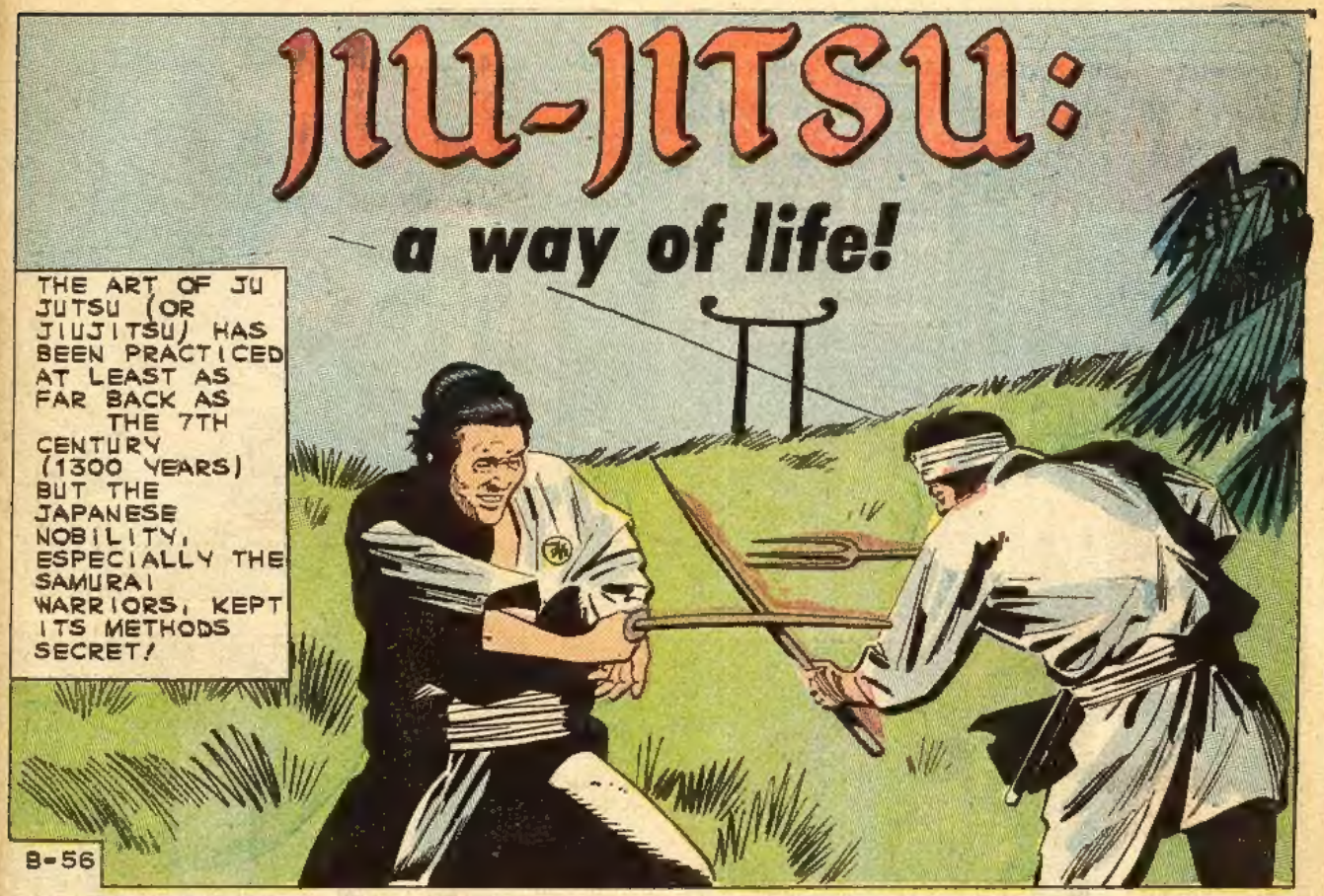
JU-JITSU:

a way of life!


THE ART OF JU JUTSU (OR JIUJITSU) HAS BEEN PRACTICED AT LEAST AS FAR BACK AS THE 7TH CENTURY (1300 YEARS) BUT THE JAPANESE NOBILITY, ESPECIALLY THE SAMURAI WARRIORS, KEPT ITS METHODS SECRET!
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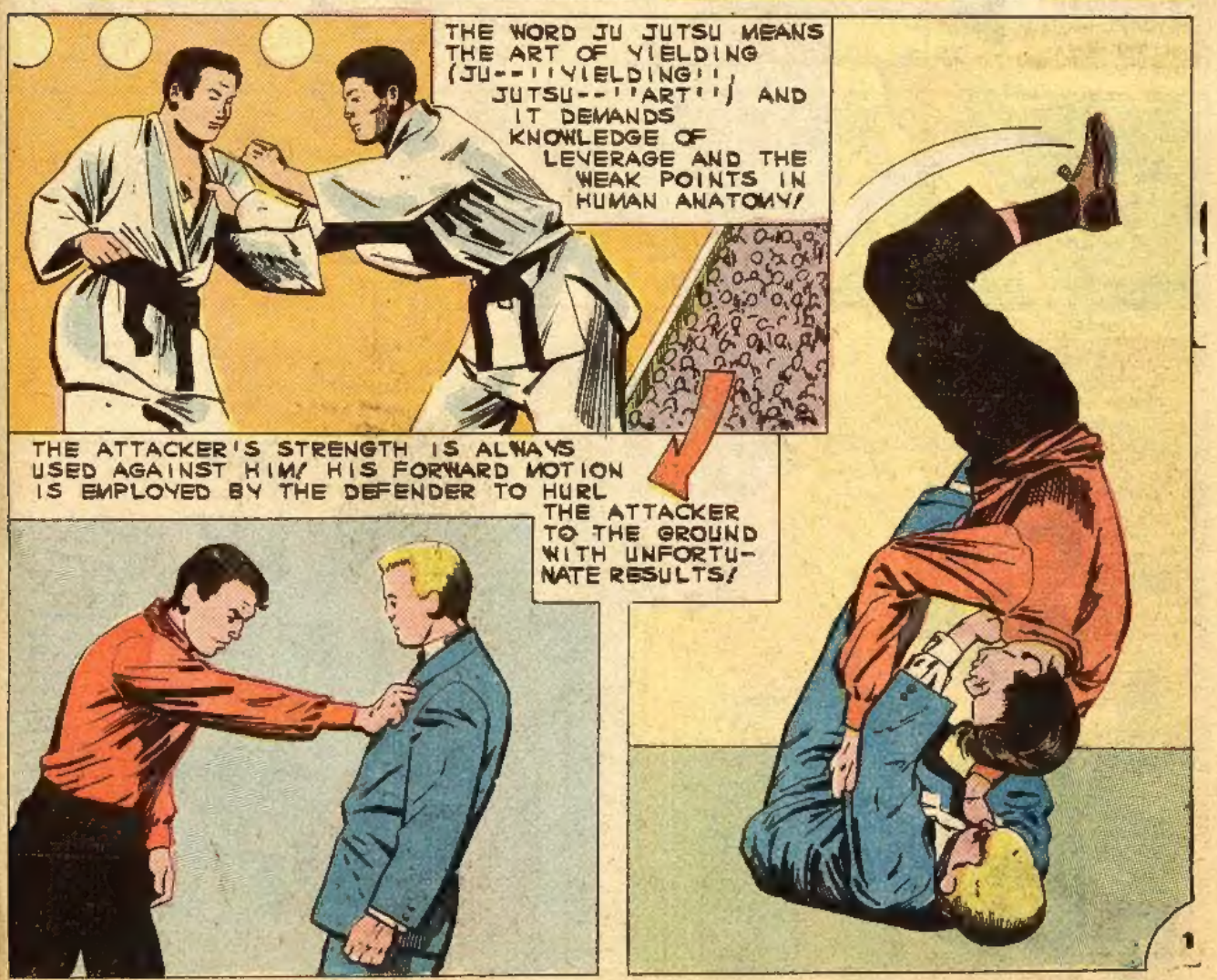
THE WORD JU JUTSU MEANS THE ART OF YIELDING (JU--"YIELDING!" JUTSU--"ART!") AND IT DEMANDS KNOWLEDGE OF LEVERAGE AND THE WEAK POINTS IN HUMAN ANATOMY!
THE ATTACKER'S STRENGTH IS ALWAYS USED AGAINST HIM! HIS FORWARD MOTION IS EMPLOYED BY THE DEFENDER TO HURL THE ATTACKER TO THE GROUND WITH UNFORTUNATE RESULTS!

HOWEVER, JU JUTSU IS MORE THAN A PHYSICAL SKILL! PRACTICIONERS DIET, PRACTICE EMOTIONAL CONTROL! LOSS OF TEMPER DURING A BOUT CAN MEAN DISMISSAL FROM A SCHOOL AND A PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE!
DEVOTEES OF THE SPORT DEVELOP STRANGE SKILLS...
...AND DEVELOP CONFIDENCE! FEAR GRADUALLY IS FORGOTTEN BY THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE ART...
IT OFFERS PERHAPS THE GREATEST REWARDS OF ANY SPORT TO THOSE WHO BECOME PROFICIENT IN IT! THE MIND AND THE BODY BENEFIT EQUALLY AND PERHAPS THERE IS AN ENRICHMENT OF THE SOUL AS WELL.
...AS STUDENTS OF JU JUTSU ARE TAUGHT THAT FEAR MUST BE OVERCOME, INDEED MADE TO TURN AGAINST AN ATTACKER!
FOLLOW THE FANTASTIC ADVENTURES OF JUDO MASTER! ON SALE NOW!
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